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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/698,213
Filed: October 30, 2000
Title: **Computational Nucleic Acid Coding and Feature Analysis**
Applicant: James D. MCININCH
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Appointment of Associate Attorneys;
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
3. Amendment and Reply to Office Action mailed May 2, 2003, including Exhibit A; and
4. Return postcard.

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Applicant requests that the \$110 fee for a one (1) month extension of time be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.075.

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Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.075. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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